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Prioritizing Veterans from Blue Ribbon Commission to State Budget:
Governor Evers Adopts Commission's Plans and Invests in Wisconsin's Veterans

Madison, Wis. – Representative Deb Andraca, a member of the Assembly Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs, issued the following statement about the Governor's proposed budget initiatives announced today:

"It was an honor for me to serve on Governor Evers' Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity, and I am thrilled to see so many of the commission's proposals included in the state budget. Our veterans have earned our support. These investments not only recognize their service, but also provide resources for veterans and their families that can help them build successful lives here in Wisconsin."

Gov. Evers' Blue Ribbon Commission gathered input from stakeholders, conducted listening sessions, consulted experts, and built sound and innovative recommendations to build a better Wisconsin for veterans. Following the <u>release</u> of the Commission's final report in September 2022 and based on the Commission's recommendations, Gov. Evers <u>announced</u> a \$10 million investment, funded through the American Rescue Plan Act, in veteran services across the state. Gov. Evers' budget builds on the investments recommended by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Veteran Opportunity, providing ongoing state support for these critical initiatives.

Details on the initiatives announced in advance of the state budget can be found in the <u>Governor's press</u> release.

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